

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The Siouxland Association for the Education of Young Children (SAEYC) and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating The Week of the Young Child during the week of April 6-12, 2003; and,

*Whereas*, By calling attention to the need for high-quality early childhood services for all children and families within our state, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and,

*Whereas*, The future of our community depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; and,

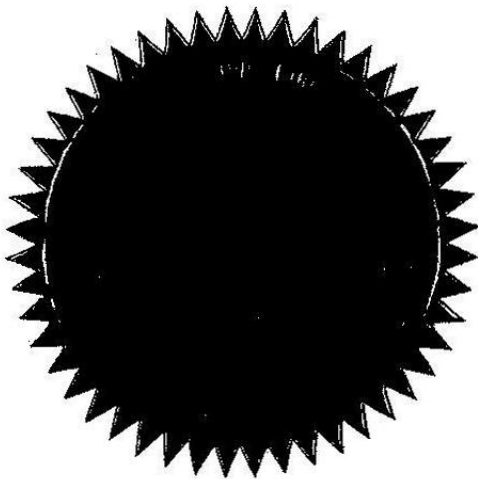
*Whereas*, High-quality early childhood services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future. As our children grow and we face the challenges of our society, I call on all parents and childcare providers to sustain the high level of quality care for the children of this community:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 6 through April 12, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs of young children in our state.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



*M. Michael Rounds*  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State